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TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

¶1. SUMMARY: On February 12, following a routine briefing of the 1718 Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Sanctions Committee (an essentially inactive committee), the Russian delegation highlighted the Six Party Talks as a means by which to continue diplomatic negotiations on North Korean denuclearization. No other delegation spoke. END SUMMARY.

¶2. On February 12, the Chair of the 1718 DPRK Sanctions Committee, Turkish Permanent Representative Ambassador Baki Ilkin, briefed the Council on the activities of the 1718 Committee over the last ninety days. Ilkin explained that since October 3 no relevant information for the implementation of the Committee's mandate was brought to its attention and noted that the Committee had received replies from 73 countries and one organization (European Union) about their implementation of UNSCR 1718. (NOTE: This Committee has been essentially inactive, as the focus of DPRK diplomacy has been in the Six Party Process. END NOTE.)

¶3. The Russian delegate praised the work of the 1718 Committee and noted his pleasure with DPRK's compliance under ¶1718. He said he wanted to take the opportunity to inform the Council of the work of the Six Party Talks to implement a diplomatic settlement with North Korea regarding its nuclear program. He noted that Russia wanted to recognize the progress of the Six Party Talks last December and reiterated that it was important to continue to work through the Six Party negotiations to bring peaceful denuclearization to North East Asia. No other delegation spoke.
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